

Chief, Procurement Division

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Chief, Administration & Inspection Branch/PD/LO

Patent problems

1. Attached hereto is a Memorandum for the Record, concerning a meeting with the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Mr. Arthur Crocker, and the related problems discussed.

2. The study of this problem is still being continued.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On 29 January 1954 at 2:00 P. M. []
Logistics Office Counsel and the undersigned met with Mr. Arthur
Crocker, Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Department of Com-
merce. The meeting was arranged by [] OCD who
wrote the necessary letter of introduction.

The general subject of conversation was patents and the
following related problems were discussed.

1. By what procedure could Royalty payments be checked to insure that the Government did not have a Royalty free license before reimbursing the contractor for such payments?
2. What procedures should we follow in filing or having the contractor file patent applications whether they be classified or unclassified:

DISCUSSION

Mr. Crocker stated that there were three groups of records covering patents. Two cover patent applications, one under the patent secrecy act, the other unclassified. When a patent is issued from these patent applications it then becomes a member of the third group, patents which are a matter of public record. Mr. Crocker stated that under an executive order listings of all patents under which the Government acquired an interest had been made. This listing would be available to us. Mr. Crocker checked with his Secret Division to determine the volume of patent applications there, and procedure for checking these applications. The volume was large, and to this date no one has asked to check the applications in that division.

The subject of filing the patent application was then discussed. Mr. Crocker indicated that we probably needed a patent attorney, as the other agencies have. [] stated that thus far he considered our volume to small to warrent the employment of an attorney full time in this field. Mr. Crocker then suggested the use of the Department of Justice Patent Section. While the Department of Justice has recently refused to handle the filing of patents for some of the smaller agencies it was agreed that our problems might be given some priority.

Mr. Crocker, at the undersigned's request, supplied several book-lets on the filing of patents and stated that if there was anything he could do to help us, just to let him know.

CONCLUSIONS

Royalty payments can be checked by contacting Mr. Carl Levy, who will make the public records available to us and help us in any way he can. If it becomes necessary to check secret patent applications, Mr. Crocker will have this done for us.

As to filing of patents, we should see if Mr. T. Hayward Brown, Chief, Patent Section, Department of Justice, will handle this for us. If the patent is under the Secrecy Act, it can be hand carried to Mr. Crocker who will have it processed.

Upon our return to this Agency, Security was contacted by the undersigned, and the necessary request made to enable [redacted] [redacted] and the undersigned to contact Mr. T. Hayward Brown in the near future.

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